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So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

### MEMBERS RECORDED PURSUANT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 8, 117TH CONGRESS

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## REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.J. RES. 6

Mr. FERGUSON. Mr. Speaker, I hereby remove my name as cosponsor of H.J. Res. 6.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman's request is accepted.

#### INVESTING IN GREEN ENERGY

(Ms. PORTER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her re-

Ms. PORTER. Madam Speaker, the climate crisis is a ticking time bomb. The country that figures out how to defuse it will get huge returns on their investments.

That is why our global competitor nations are investing in green energy. They know that the economy that learns how to manufacture in the cleanest way possible will secure thousands of jobs for its workers. These are jobs in manufacturing and also in research, engineering, and education.

In short, the country that best understands green energy today will have the strongest economy tomorrow. That can and should be the United States.

I am proud to represent the scientists at the University of California Irvine who are doing cutting-edge research on fuel cell energy storage, energy conversion, and more. We have to support the work of their peers.

To have a strong, stable, and globally competitive economy, we need green energy. For Orange County, for the United States, and for our planet, we cannot continue to rely on the technology of yesterday.

#### CELEBRATING OKEFENOKEE SWAMP PARK'S 75TH ANNIVER-SARY

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Okefenokee Swamp Park

The Okefenokee Swamp Park opened their doors 75 years ago. Since then, people from across the world have visited one of Georgia's most desirable destinations. Each year, over 500,000 people visit the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge.

As one of the largest intact freshwater wetlands in North America, the Okefenokee is home to various threatened and endangered species. More than 600 plant species have been identified at the Okefenokee.

This anniversary is not only a celebration of 75 years of preserving history and wildlife but also as a beacon of what is to come in the next 75 years.

I, along with the First District of Georgia, thank the staff at Okefenokee Swamp Park for their stewardship of this beautiful park. I am proud to represent parts of the Okefenokee, and I am excited for the future.

## RECOGNIZING KELLER, TEXAS' MOST FAMILY-FRIENDLY CITY

(Ms. VAN DUYNE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the efforts of the city of Keller in becoming the most family-friendly city in the State of Texas.

This community of over 45,000 residents sits in the heart of the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex and prides itself on pairing big city comforts with small town charm.

Its history is rooted in the perseverance of frontier settlers in the golden age of railroads. That spirit lives on today in a community of incredible entrepreneurs and small business owners, beautiful parks and trails, excellent schools, and award-winning city facilities and programs.

Often listed among the safest and best places to live in America, this city strives to serve its citizens at every stage of life, from young families buying their first homes to empty nesters who could not imagine living anywhere else.

In that effort, Keller City Council recognizes the importance of fighting on behalf of taxpayers, attracting execonomic development. ceptional prioritizing the community's roads and sidewalks, and ensuring public safety by supporting its unparalleled first responders.

Madam Speaker, I congratulate the city of Keller and their shared vision of becoming Texas' most family-friendly city. I look forward to seeing the incredible progress that this community will see working together.

## REPUBLICAN IDEAS ON BORDER SECURITY

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, the other day, we saw the press secretary for President Biden, Jen Psaki. She was complaining and tired of Republicans talking about the border and not having any ideas.

Well, we have ideas. They don't always get publicized. Here are some of them right here: enforce our laws; enforce our laws as written; complete the border fence and complete all border construction; the remain in Mexico policy, why don't we reinstate that? It worked pretty well without people rushing the border before.

Require negative COVID tests before entering our country. Wouldn't that be something since we are telling all of our citizens we have to do the same to go to a simple thing like a restaurant or a ballpark?

Maybe we could shut off the green light inviting people and sending people the message, incentivizing the dangerous trek to come to America.

Lastly, stop the benefits from hardworking U.S. taxpayers. Stop promremittances, amnesty, tax ising healthcare, and sanctuary cities to illegal immigrants.

These are the messages Republicans have been conveying all along, so I invite Jen Psaki to listen up.

INFRASTRUCTURE BILL OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE QUALITY OF LIFE

(Mr. HIMES asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HIMES. Madam Speaker, I live in southwestern Connecticut, which is on an artery of this Nation's commerce and economy, and that artery is clogged. I spend hours when I am traveling around my district in traffic or worrying that the trains, which move more slowly than they moved 75 years ago, won't get me to where I need to go.

We have an opportunity in this Chamber, sometime in the next week or so, of passing a major infrastructure bill, which will alleviate those problems in my district and around the United States.

The problems in my district are hardly unique, and it is not just about growth, though every business leader in my district says that transportation infrastructure is their number one or number two problem. It is about quality of life.

This infrastructure bill is perhaps a once-in-a-career opportunity to address and make better the challenges that face each and every one of our constituents.

Madam Speaker, I urge a vote for the infrastructure bill. It is a jobs bill. It is a future economic bill. And, of course, it is going to repair and improve the quality of life for the constituents of everyone in the Chamber.

# HOUSE DEMOCRATS DELIVERING FOR THE PEOPLE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. STRICKLAND). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2021, the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. NEGUSE) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. NEGUSE. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the subject of my Special Order

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Colorado?

There was no objection.

Mr. NEGUSE. Madam Speaker, House Democrats are delivering for the people, and let me explain to you how they are doing so.

Under President Biden's leadership, our economy is growing at nearly the fastest rate in over 40 years. The child tax credit is cutting taxes for hardworking middle-class families across the country. And by putting more of working people's own money back into their pockets, it is generating \$20 billion in spending in local economies, supporting local businesses and jobs.

Now, Madam Speaker, we are hard at work to deliver even more for working families through the Build Back Better plan and the bipartisan infrastructure bill

But while House Democrats are delivering for the people, unfortunately, some on the other side of the aisle are promoting misinformation about the coronavirus and opposing overwhelmingly popular vaccine mandates that will save lives and keep our schools open. Some of them, Madam Speaker, have even spread false narratives about the attack on our Capitol and on this Chamber nearly 9 months ago.

As The New York Times reported earlier this month: "A growing number of Republicans and their media allies have downplayed the riot. Some have begun to treat it as a heroic act."

Madam Speaker, this dangerous rhetoric from Republicans continues as Senate Leader MITCH MCCONNELL now threatens the full faith and credit of the United States, and Senate Republicans refuse to do their job to ensure that America can pay its bills on time.

Let's be clear, Madam Speaker, raising or suspending the debt limit does not authorize new spending. It is about meeting obligations that the government has already made, including the bipartisan COVID relief package passed last year in December and vital payments to Social Security recipients as well.

In fact, much of the debt was accumulated under President Trump. The massive tax giveaways for millionaires and billionaires that Republicans pushed through under President Trump added \$1.8 trillion to the national debt, and a full 97 percent, Madam Speaker, of the total debt subject to the limit was accumulated before President Biden took office.

Madam Speaker, it is no surprise that congressional Republicans voted three times—not once, not twice, but three times—to suspend the debt limit under President Trump.

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Leader McConnell and congressional Republicans know what is at stake. In 2019, MITCH McConnell himself said that raising the debt ceiling, and I am going to quote, Madam Speaker, "ensures our Federal Government will not approach any kind of short-term debt crisis in the coming weeks or months. It secures our Nation's full faith and credit and ensures that Congress will not throw this kind of unnecessary wrench into the gears of job growth and a thriving economy."

Not my words, Madam Speaker, MITCH MCCONNELL's words. He said it himself. This is about supporting American jobs and our economy. This is about doing our job for the American people.

We urge Leader McConnell: Stop playing games with the full faith and credit of the United States. Stop playing games with American jobs. Do your job to ensure that America can pay its bills on time by addressing the debt limit.

Now, I think it is important for the American people to understand why we are here standing up for the credit of the United States, and I can think of no one better to help explain precisely that than my good friend, the distinguished gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. Cartwright).

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. CART-WRIGHT).

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I thank the distinguished gentleman from Colorado for yielding.

It is true. Today, in the Congress, the Treasury Secretary of the United States, Janet Yellen, testified that we will run out of borrowing ability on October 18, next month. What this is, is a pernicious, dangerous threat to the United States of America that is happening right now. A lot of people don't realize it because, as Mr. Neguse just mentioned, extending or suspending the debt limit has been a routine, a normal thing for us to do, something that, in the words of Senator McCon-NELL himself, is essential for keeping our economy moving, protecting American jobs, and preserving the livelihoods of many, many Americans.

So the question is, what are we doing? Why do we have to do this? Why do we have to stand here tonight and stand up for the full faith and credit of the United States?

It is because the economy depends on it, not only the economy of America, but the economy of the world depends on the full faith and credit of the United States of America.

Credit is vital to the operation of any economy. Any businessperson knows that. Every businessman, every businesswoman knows that his or her business runs on their credit and their credit rating. They know that credit, every loan, every loan decision, is based on the strength of the promise to repay, and that is what we are talking about here.

If a promise to repay a loan isn't strong, that loan is not made. If the strength of the promise to repay a loan is not there, then either the loan is not made or they have to charge a much higher interest rate to reflect the extra risk in getting repaid. It is all about repaying your loans.

If there is one thing that has been a constant in these United States, and something that we have been really proud of in our Nation for generation after generation, it is that if there is one rock-solid, dependable promise in the world, it is that the United States of America will pay its bills. That is a rock-solid promise, and it is something that reverberates in the world's economies.

That is why we have such a strong economy and a base from which to grow it. That is why we are able to run a government and build bridges and roads, and why we are able to maintain armed services in this country. It is why we are able to function as a nation and as an economy.